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**Congressman Christopher Shays to Convene July 18 Hearing on**

***“Humanitarian Assistance Following Military Operations:  
Overcoming Barriers: Part II”***

(Washington, DC) -- Congressman Christopher Shays (CT-4), Chairman of the Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, will convene an oversight hearing Friday, July 18, to examine requirements for bringing humanitarian assistance and stability to Iraq. An earlier hearing on this issue examined barriers to effective delivery of aid. This hearing will measure progress.

The first Subcommittee hearing on the subject of humanitarian assistance following military operations was held on May 13, 2003. Several government and non-government representatives testified about challenges in Iraq similar to those encountered in Bosnia, Kosovo, and Afghanistan. Challenges include concerns about security of aid workers, coordination of humanitarian efforts, assessing specific needs of noncombatants, and lack of logistical capacity.

Lieutenant General (Retired) Jay M. Garner, former Director, Office of Reconstruction and Humanitarian Assistance (ORHA) made a statement to the Subcommittee at the May 13, 2003 hearing. In the statement Garner outlined “Eleven Essential Tasks” that ORHA was tackling and that should, in his view, be completed by mid-late June in order to establish a positive “slope” towards success in Iraq.

This hearing focuses on the lessons learned from previous humanitarian assistance and rebuilding efforts following military operations and will use General Garner’s “Eleven Essential Tasks” to gauge progress of humanitarian assistance efforts in Iraq.

The Friday, July 18, 2003 hearing will convene at 10:00 a.m. in room **2318 (House Committee on Science Hearing Room)** of the Rayburn House Office Building in Washington, D.C.

# **Witness List**

## **Panel I**

**Dr. Susan Westin**

Managing Director, International Affairs and Trade  
General Accounting Office

**Lieutenant General Jay Garner (Retired)**

Director  
Office of Reconstruction and Humanitarian Assistance  
Department of Defense

**Dr. Joseph Collins**

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Stability Operations  
Department of Defense

**Mr. Richard Greene**

Principal Deputy Assistant  
Bureau of Population, Refugee and Migration  
Department of State

**Mr. James Kunder**

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Asia and Near East  
US Agency for International Development

## **Panel II**

**Mr. Pat Carey**

Senior Vice President for Programs  
CARE

**Mr. Serge Duss**

Director of Public Policy and Advocacy  
World Vision, Inc., USA

**Ms. Tammie Willcuts**

Humanitarian Operations Specialist  
Save the Children

